

Remarks

In this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 have been amended and claims 5-9 and 14-18 have been cancelled. Support for the amendments may be found in, for example, paragraphs 37-42 and Figures 3A1 and 3A2 of the specification as originally filed and, as such, no new matter has been added.

Claim 1, as amended, is patentable over US Patent No. 5,471,612 to Schlafly (hereinafter "Schlafly"), US Patent No. 6,487,597 to Horie et al. (hereinafter "Horie"), and US Patent No. 6,718,425 to Pajakowski et al. (hereinafter "Pajakowski") at least because the cited prior art, whether considered alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest converting, by said conduit, said spreadsheet file to a second format associated with said second device, such that said spreadsheet file when in said second format occupies less memory space than said spreadsheet file when in said first format and wherein said converting takes place outside of a memory of said second device and further comprises determining one or more formulas associated with said spreadsheet file that are necessary for the operation of the spreadsheet file on said second device parsing and evaluating the one or more formulas and compiling code associated with the one or more formulas while converting said spreadsheet file to said second format as required by claim 1.

Pajakowski discloses "a conduit software for transferring data to and from the handheld computer and a personal computer" and an adapter microprocessor that "operates to convert the vehicle data between the bus protocol and the data protocol of said handheld computer by determining the start and stop of messages received from the data bus and said adapter microprocessor further operates to add message identifiers to the vehicle data conveyed to the handheld computer through said external data port, whereby the amount of processing that the handheld computer is required to undertake for data monitoring and extraction from the data bus is minimized." *Pajakowski*, column 46, lines 56-67. Thus, the conduit of Pajakowski is used to transfer data between a handheld computer and a personal computer and the adapter microprocessor converts vehicle data between a bus protocol and a data protocol. However, neither the conduit, nor the adapter microprocessor, of Pajakowski execute a conversion of a spreadsheet file from a first format to a second format as required by amended claim 1. Thus,

Pajakowski, even when considered in combination with the other cited prior art, fails to teach or suggest all of the elements of amended claim 1.

Therefore, for at least these reasons, amended claim 1 is patentable over the cited prior art. Amended claim 10 includes features similar to those of amended claim 1 and is patentable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as claim 1. The remaining claims depend from claims 1 and 10, respectively, and are patentable over the cited prior art at least by virtue of this dependency.

For at least the foregoing reasons, the present claims are patentable over the cited references. If there are any additional fees due in connection with this communication, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

Respectfully submitted,

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